Development of Floriculture in Gujarat

2075. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Integrated Development of Floriculture, a Central Scheme is under implementation in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the kind of flowers being grown and promoted in the State;

(d) whether flowers are also being exported from the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) A central scheme on Development of Floriculture was implemented in the country, during 9th Plan, including Gujarat. However, since October, 2000 the scheme has been subsumed in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on macro management of Agriculture-supplementation/complementation of state' efforts through work plans. The programmes of the scheme can now be pursued by the state through work plans. Under this scheme the state has greater flexibility to priorities its needs.

(c) to (e) The flowers such as roses, jasmine, marigold, gladiolus, carnation, gerbera and lilly etc. are commercially grown and promoted in the state. Besides their use in the state, these flowers are also being transported to other big cities/urban areas including the city of Mumbai. However, details of export of flowers to other countries from Gujarat are not available.

Infrastructure for Agricultural Research and Education in Rajasthan

2076. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what infrastructure has been provided to Rajasthan for agricultural research and education;

(b) whether this infrastructure in that State in inadequate;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to augment the existing infrastructure and to raise it upto the desired level?